

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 422  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Coach Matt Birchfield and the Cloudland High School Girls Basketball Team on their outstanding 2002-2003 season.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Cloudland High School girls basketball program is renowned for its perennial nature as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility and for its competitive stature in the world of secondary school sports; and

WHEREAS, the Cloudland High School Lady Highlanders achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2002-2003 season, compiling an astonishing record of 29-5 and earning a berth in the 2003 TSSAA Class A State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, toppling such formidable opponents as University High, Unaka, Washburn, North Greene, Hancock and Oneida, these basketball phenoms earned Conference, District,

Region and Substate Championship honors en route to securing their spot in the State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, though the Lady Highlanders ably displayed their exceptional skill, intensity and determination in the State Tournament quarterfinals, time expired before they were able to achieve victory; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Matt Birchfield has devoted himself wholly to the cultivation of the girls basketball program at Cloudland High School; he laid the groundwork for this remarkable season by sharing with the young women on the team his substantial knowledge of basketball, his many years of coaching and athletic experience and his passion both for the sport of basketball and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Principals Roger Hollifield and Liz Banks and Athletic Director Garry Oaks have contributed considerably to the team's success by most willingly providing their support to the girls basketball program; and

WHEREAS, the basketball players at Cloudland High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition, while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, they have inspired the student body and united the entire Roan Mountain community in completing their triumphal run through the 2002-2003 season; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic and talent of this group of young women not only made possible an excellent basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Cloudland Lady Highlanders on their outstanding basketball season and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and congratulate Coach Matt Birchfield and the Cloudland High School Lady Highlanders on their formidable legacy, their individual and collective resolve and their extraordinary 2002-2003 basketball season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.